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POLICIES FOR DIFFERENT FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertilizer subsidy worth several crores is being provided to the farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the subsidy is likely to be given to the farmers directly as announced recently;

(d) the mechanism to monitor that benefits are likely to accrue to all the famers;

(e) the Authority authorized for the redressal of the complaints of the farmers and

(f) the mechanism to check any misuse of the power by the above-said authority?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)& (b) Yes, Madam. An amount of Rs. 73790.94 crores was released by the Government as fertilizer subsidy during the year 2011-12. An amount of Rs. 65592.13 has been allocated for fertilizer subsidy for the financial year 2012-13.

(c) & (d) Direct cash transfer of fertilizer subsidy to the intended beneficiary is being implemented in following manner:

Phase-I: Part subsidy is disbursed to the fertilizer companies on the basis of acknowledgement of receipt of fertilizers by retail dealers through mobile Fertilizer Monitoring System (mFMS).

Phase-II: Part subsidy payment to the fertilizer companies on the basis of acknowledgement of sales of fertilizers by retail dealers through mFMS.

Phase-III: Subsidy payment to buyer of fertilizer for agriculture purpose on the basis of fertilizers purchased by him.

Phase-IV: Subsidy payment to the farmers on the basis of details of purchase made by him.

The implementation of Phase-I has already been made operational. In the subsequent phase of the project, the mechanism to transfer the subsidy directly to the intended beneficiaries will be formulated and implemented once the implementation of Phase-I stabilizes.

(e) & (f) The implementation of direct transfer of subsidy to farmers shall be web-based and there shall be no case for misuse of power by the authorities. A detailed monitoring mechanism shall be in place before its implementation.